

FEMA: Week in Review



FEMA

Louisiana Recovery Office
Serving Recovery Needs from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita
New Orleans, LA

October 26, 2012

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director Joe Threat Leaving the LRO

This week, Joe Threat announced his resignation as Louisiana Recovery Office Executive Director, effective Nov. 3, 2012. Mr. Threat came on board with FEMA in 2009 and has served as Acting Executive Director and Deputy Director of Support Services.

Mr. Threat will leave behind a long list of outstanding accomplishments at the LRO. He has worked tirelessly with staff and FEMA partners to support the state's recovery from hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav and Ike. A major recovery milestone this year was the closeout of the Individuals and Households Program and the removal of the last Katrina temporary housing unit from Louisiana. This means thousands of families once devastated by Katrina are now living in more permanent housing.

The massive amounts of construction that can be seen in the metropolitan area of New Orleans and throughout the state are also a testament to the collaboration with partners in working to rebuild Louisiana. These recent milestones represent only a sample of recovery accomplishments during his tenure at the LRO.

Mr. Threat, like many of the staff in the LRO, is also a storm survivor who put the needs of the FEMA mission first by helping rebuild the state. His leadership will truly be missed by all who worked with him.



FEMA Dollars Continue to Support New Orleans' Katrina Recovery

This week, two more Katrina-related grants were announced totaling nearly \$7 million that will directly benefit two recovery projects within the city of New Orleans – the Joe Brown Center in New Orleans East and the Municipal Yacht Harbor on the south shore of Lake Pontchartrain.

Funding for the Joe Brown Center will be used to remove and replace flood-damaged sidewalks throughout the facility; make repairs throughout the center's office, and repair damaged bleachers in the main facility area.

Repairs to the Municipal Yacht Harbor will include concrete piers, timber mooring piles, watchman's offices and restrooms, Pier 9 replacement, and the electrical and mechanical distribution systems to the individual boat slips.

"The great thing about these grants is that they support publically recognizable facilities, since both serve various recreational needs in New Orleans," said FEMA's Louisiana Recovery Office Deputy Director of Programs Andre Cadogan.

LRO Contacts

News Desk: (504) 762-2477
Outreach Lead Amy Connolly: (225) 762-2048 / Amy.Connolly@fema.dhs.gov

Hurricane Isaac Information: www.fema.gov/disaster/4080

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Cybersecurity awareness does not end after this month – there is much we can do year-round to protect ourselves from cyber threats.

Find tip sheets, and advice for individuals and small businesses at the [Cyber Security Information Center](#).

Calendar

Oct. 26: Deadline for applying for [Community Resilience Innovation Challenge](#)

Oct. 29: St. Mary of the Angels Head Start Ribbon Cutting, 2225 Congress St., New Orleans, LA, 1:30 p.m.

Oct. 30: FEMA [Think Tank](#) call, 3:15 p.m. EDT

Oct. 30: Carter G. Woodson (KIPP Central City Academy) building ribbon cutting, 12pm

The Great Shakeout – A Great Success

On Oct. 18 2012, more than 14 million people participated in the Great Shakeout, including FEMA leadership. [ShakeOut Resources](#) such as drill manuals, fact sheets, videos and other materials remain available for your use in developing preparedness plans and other activities so you can continue to be prepared.



Arlington, Va., Oct. 18, 2012 -- FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate and FEMA Deputy Administrator Rich Serino participate in the Great Southeast Shake-Out.

